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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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Office of the Director

10 March 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Representatives of the United States Intelligence Board
SUBJECT : Estimate on Iran

1. The State Department has requested that a new estimate be prepared on Iran prior to the Shah's visit to the US on 16 May.

2. Suggested terms of reference are attached. The principal drafter and coordinator of the paper will be [REDACTED] CIA/OPR, and we will expect contributions from CIA/OER for the economic portions, from DIA on the military sections, and from State/INR on Iran's external relations.

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3. The National Intelligence Officer for the Middle East will hold a meeting of the drafting staff and institutional representatives at 1330, Friday, 14 March, in Room 7E62, CIA Headquarters. Please provide the names of your representatives to [REDACTED] so that we can have conference badges available at the Reception desk.

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Called [REDACTED]

12 March, 1975

this not my understanding of [REDACTED]
role. He agreed that "coordinator" Deputy for National Intelligence Officers

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wrong, but that he thought Ernie's part
would be major portion of text, that reason

for [REDACTED] drafter.

[REDACTED] understands [REDACTED] not to be
officer running the paper.

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SUBJECT: Terms of Reference for NIE on Iran

Focusing on the near future (i.e., the next five years), the estimate should address the prospects for Iran's:

- domestic political developments;
- economic development and the impact of heavy industrial investment;
- relationship with and role in OPEC, likely investment and recycling policies;
- military expansion and nuclear policies;
- security role in the Gulf and Indian Ocean, and relations with the littoral states;
- relations with the Soviet Union, China, and the developing world.

We would also ask that specific attention be given to the Shah's view of his relations with the US and his likely response to various US postures in South Asia, the Indian Ocean, and the Middle East and on oil and energy issues.